

D. C. LEGISLATION

ALTERED IN HOUSE

Other Measures to Crowd Out Action on Pending Bills at This Session.

The National Capital is to lose the last "District day" for the consideration of District legislation before the adjournment of the House. This is assured by the statement by House Leader Mondell last night that either the conference report on the naval appropriation bill or the Capper-Tincher bill regulating trading in grain futures will be taken up tomorrow, which should be "District day" on the House calendar.

MARKS 84TH BIRTHDAY.

Dr. Samuel W. Murphy Congratulated by Former Pupils.

Dr. Samuel W. Murphy, founder of Rugby Academy, Wilmington, Del., and of the North Carolina Military Academy, celebrated his eighty-four birthday at the John Dickinson House yesterday by opening scores of letters and telegrams that poured in from his friends and pupils, wishing him many more years of happiness.

Dr. Murphy was born in 1838. He was one of the first to enter the North Carolina Military Academy, of which he was head master for five years.

INDUSTRIAL HOME

DOWN TO 5

Mrs. A. P. Clements Reports Capacity Ten Times Increases, Following Inquiry.

Only fifteen children are now being cared for at the Industrial Home School, which has facilities for almost ten times that number, it was announced last night by Mrs. A. P. Clements, secretary of the citizens' committee investigating the situation there.

Mrs. Clements said that during the past two days alone fourteen children were taken from the home, reducing the number there to only fifteen, and she followed up by declaring that to all appearances, despite the belief that the Industrial Home School was continuing after July 1 as a temporary receiving home for children, the board of children's guardians is carrying out an announced intention of closing the doors of the school by removing all children possible to private homes.

Mrs. Clements also stated that throughout the city would make an issue of the matter, led by the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, to make more practical and definite assurances were evident that the home school would be continued.

She said that her committee had investigated forty-two cases, whereas the board of children's guardians had investigated only thirty-one, and declared that still more would have been looked into by the board of children's guardians if the board had not been so busy with the cases of the children who are being taken from the school.

Information is being obtained by the committee at present from depositions in the case of the children who are being taken from the school, and the committee is expected to report on the matter in a few days.

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WASHINGTON BOOSTERS LEAVE FOR DOWN-RIVER TRIP.



Photograph made aboard the Midland just before she set sail yesterday showing in the center, left to right: Commissioner Cuno H. Rudolph, Senator L. Heister Ball of the House district committee and Commissioner James M. Oyster.

WATERS REARRANGED IN RIVER MURDER

Witnesses Say They Did Not See Actual Stabbing of McCormack.

Special Dispatch to The Star. ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 24.—Following the testimony of several government witnesses in the preliminary investigation of the case of W. Alford Waters of this city, now being held in connection with the fatal stabbing of Louis B. McCormack on board the steamer Charles Maclester Wednesday night, June 14, United States Commissioner William P. Woolf announced that the hearing would be resumed at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in the United States court room here, where today's session was held. Waters, who is in the city jail in custody, was indicted by the grand jury for first-degree murder Wednesday.

Little evidence was gleaned from the witnesses for the government and statement was unanimous that the person who stabbed McCormack was not seen.

Robert E. Devine of this city, however, testified that he was a passenger on the steamer and saw McCormack being taken out of a crowd with a knife in his right hand and his hand covered with blood. Devine declared he saw Waters, "What's the matter, are you cut?" to which he replied that he did not hear. At that time, Devine said, the boat was nearly at the wharf.

Man's Fingers Cut. Other witnesses testified that one of Waters' fingers was cut and that he was on the wharf when McCormack was stabbed. Waters made it was also said that he was not under the influence of liquor. Samuel G. Oyster, United States Commissioner, said that he saw McCormack fall on the deck of the boat and that he saw Waters' hand cut.

Attorney Edmund Burke of Washington appeared for Waters and examined the witnesses, while Assistant United States Attorney James J. O'Leary represented the government.

OTTO SIMONSON, 20 YEARS IN U. S. SERVICE, EXPIRES

Former Superintendent of Public Buildings Became Prominent Architect.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 24.—Otto G. Simonson, for twenty years superintendent of public buildings for the United States and one of today's best known architects in this section of the country, died at his home in Baltimore yesterday.

Born in Dresden, Germany, April 1, 1862, Mr. Simonson came to this country when he was twenty-one years old, making Washington his first home in the United States. Soon afterward he was appointed superintendent of public buildings for the United States, and held that office until 1902, when he came to this city.

His career as an architect was not actually begun until he went into business for himself in 1904. Since then some of Baltimore's largest and most beautiful public buildings have been planned and constructed by him. While in government service in Washington Mr. Simonson was active in National Guard affairs and saw service during the Spanish-American war. He was given a commission in the Infantry by President McKinley.

Mr. Simonson is survived by his widow, and one son, Louis W. Simonson, a graduate of the University of Maryland, and a granddaughter, Isabel Waite Simonson.

KILLS SELF IN STORE.

West Virginia Man Despondent Over Love Affair.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR. FOLLSBEE, W. Va., June 24.—Hazel Elias, aged twenty-three, member of the clothing firm of Saad Bros., committed suicide in the store by shooting with a revolver through the head yesterday afternoon. Elias was married in three weeks to a young woman of Belville, Pa. Elias had visited his fiancée on Sunday and Monday last, and was on his way back to the store when he shot himself.

He was found by a customer in the store and taken to a nearby hospital, where he died.

PRESIDENT TAKES TRIP.

Will Pass Quiet Week End at McLean Country Home.

President Harding left Washington last night with a party to spend a week end near Leesburg, Va., at the country home of Edward B. McLean. He is not expected to return until tonight.

The party accompanying the President, in addition to Mrs. Harding, included Secretary Weeks, Attorney General Daugherty, Senator Edge, Republican, New Jersey, and Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board. The indications were that the President would spend a quiet day.

HAGUE BEGOTTED BY BERLIN CRIME

Conference Delegates Mourn Rathenau, Who Was Tactful Member.

By the Associated Press. THE HAGUE, June 24.—Following so closely as it did the murder of Field Marshal Wilson in London, the assassination of Foreign Minister Rathenau in Berlin cast a heavy gloom over the Hague conference, many of whose members were closely associated with Dr. Rathenau at Genoa. The German foreign minister was thrown with the entente delegates there more than was any of the other German representatives, because of his thorough knowledge of English, French and Italian, and his wide grasp of the financial and economic situation of the world.

In spite of the treaty of Rapallo, signed by the Germans with the Soviet Russian representatives on Easter Sunday, which created such a feeling of bitterness against the German delegation, Rathenau was able to keep up good relations with the former enemy delegations, and by his unfailing courtesy and charm did much to prevent the Genoa conference being wrecked.

By his silence when the entente decided that Germany should not be invited to the conference, Rathenau was able to keep the conference at a time when the entente delegations were enraged by the sudden announcement that Germany and Russia had come to terms independently of the Genoa gathering.

Dr. Rathenau was the chief source of information for the press from the German delegation, and he was a great asset to the conference by his tactful handling of the press.

The late Foreign Minister was a slender man, more than six feet tall and always immaculately dressed. The crown of his head was bald and he always had the remaining hair closely cropped. His head had a domelike appearance and the cartoonists depicted him with a large, bulbous nose.

Many of Dr. Rathenau's photographs bore a striking resemblance to the portrait of Premier Lenin of Soviet Russia. Both had slightly slanting eyes, a close-shaven face, and a somewhat dissimilar nose. Lenin was the older and the shorter man.

ERECT BODY FOUND TIED WITH WIRE TO A POLE

JOHN WATSON YERKES, G. O. P. LEADER, IS DEAD

Kentucky Politician High in Party Councils for Years—Ex-Rev. of the Church of Christ.

Special Dispatch to The Star. THAXVILLE, Ky., June 24.—John Watson Yerkes, long a leading Republican politician, died at his home here Friday afternoon, after a long illness. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Yerkes was born in Kentucky in 1857. He was appointed clerk of the House of Representatives in 1890, and served in that position until 1892. He then became a member of the Kentucky State Senate, and served in that position until 1894.

He was a member of the Kentucky State Bar Association, and served as president of the association in 1898. He was also a member of the Kentucky State Agricultural Society, and served as president of the society in 1900.

Mr. Yerkes was a member of the Kentucky State Board of Education, and served in that position until 1902. He was also a member of the Kentucky State Board of Charities, and served in that position until 1904.

He was a member of the Kentucky State Board of Prisoners, and served in that position until 1906. He was also a member of the Kentucky State Board of Lunatics, and served in that position until 1908.

Mr. Yerkes was a member of the Kentucky State Board of Health, and served in that position until 1910. He was also a member of the Kentucky State Board of Agriculture, and served in that position until 1912.

He was a member of the Kentucky State Board of Commerce, and served in that position until 1914. He was also a member of the Kentucky State Board of Trade, and served in that position until 1916.

Mr. Yerkes was a member of the Kentucky State Board of Labor, and served in that position until 1918. He was also a member of the Kentucky State Board of Industry, and served in that position until 1920.

He was a member of the Kentucky State Board of Education, and served in that position until 1922.

MASSONS GIVE DINNER TO JUDGE G. F. MOORE

Services of Alabama Man to Fraternity Recognized in High Honors.

Judge George Fleming Moore, one of the leaders of Masonry in America and one who has received many high fraternal honors in European countries, was given a testimonial dinner here last night. Over a hundred men and women were present. The dinner was given by the Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama.

Mr. Moore was born in Alabama in 1854. He was a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama, and served as grand master of the lodge in 1900.

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